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17 October 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Sherman Kent

SUBJECT : NIE 11-7-67

1. You may be interested to know that I received some adverse criticism from Vice Admiral Nels C. Johnson, J-5 of the Joint Staff, with regard to subject Estimate.

2. His criticism revolves principally around his view that the paper lacks any discussion of the tactical excursions of Soviet foreign policy. He argues that the Soviets may pursue an accommodation in one area or at one point whilst planning to create troublesome situations at another. One of the examples he cites is the present Soviet policy of shadowing the major combatant units of the 6th Fleet together with what he feels is an obvious intent on their part to establish a permanent naval Soviet presence in the Mediterranean to counter the view that the Western world and the Western world only sails with impunity in these waters.

3. I find myself hard put to see how I would accommodate his views if I were attempting to re-do 11-7 and I think if we were to try to attempt to follow the sine curve of Soviet tactics as they relate to broad gauge foreign policy in a paper like this we'd never get the paper out. It might be, however, that we could examine more carefully our statement of the problem in Estimates of this sort and perhaps include a scope note. Specifically, I think if the statement of the problem in 11-7 had been worded to indicate we were examining only broad trends, we might ameliorate the impact of the Estimate on those who would like to translate current situations into long term foreign policy.

4. I would be grateful for your comments on this.

SIGNED:

Rufus Taylor
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Deputy Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of National Estimates

SUBJECT : Reclassification of the Job of Executive Officer, O/NE

REFERENCE : Your memo dtd 7 Jan 66, same subject -- 66-77

1. Your memorandum of 7 January 1966 requested the reclassification of the position of Executive Officer, O/NE to GS-17 or the personal rank promotion to GS-17 of its present incumbent.

2. The classification of this position has been carefully studied. The conclusion is that it is properly allocated at the GS-16 level although there are, frankly, some weaknesses when it is compared with Executive Officer positions elsewhere in the organization which involve significant substantive as well as administrative and liaison responsibilities. On the basis of the evidence presented to me, I must agree that this position would not be appropriately classified at the GS-17 level.

3. In addition, a special review of Mr. [] qualifications has been made in connection with your request for his personal rank promotion. His record indicates that [] is a man of competence and potential but of unproven capability when measured against the GS-17 level. Frankly, there appears to be no basis for promoting him to the GS-17 level without some more positive assurance of a specific plan to assign him to a GS-17 position elsewhere and strong evidence of his qualifications to serve effectively in such a position.

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4. In view of these findings, I cannot concur either in your request to upgrade [] position or to promote him on a personal rank basis.

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/s/ L. K. White *(over)

L. K. White
Executive Director-Comptroller

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*(Handwritten note by LKW)

Sherm:

Looks like we should be moving Joe to some job where he can demonstrate his ability to perform at a higher level and develop his potential which appears quite promising.

/s/ LKW

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